

HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO. 1

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 2292*

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by deleting Section 2 in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new section to be appropriately designated:

Section _____. (a) Owners or lessees of motor vehicles or recreational vehicles who are residents of the state of Tennessee, and who have attained sixty-five (65) years of age, upon complying with state motor vehicle or recreational vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles or recreational vehicles, and paying the regular fee applicable to the motor vehicle or recreational vehicle and the fee provided for in § 55-4-203, shall be issued on request a Senior Citizens special license plate, either for an automobile, recreational vehicle, or a truck of one-half (1/2) or three-quarter (3/4) ton rating.

(b) (1) The funds derived from the sale of such Senior Citizens special license plates, less the expense the state has incurred in designing and manufacturing such plates, shall be deposited in the Senior Citizens Center endowment fund established by this section, to be used exclusively for the assistance of the Senior Citizens Centers in Tennessee. The commissioner of human services is authorized to make disbursements from the fund in the form of grants to Senior Citizens Centers in order to provide such assistance.

(2) There is hereby established a general fund reserve to be allocated by the general appropriations act which shall be known as the Senior Citizens

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Centers fund. Moneys from the fund may be expended to fund activities authorized by this section. Any revenues deposited in this reserve shall remain in the reserve until expended for purposes consistent with this subsection, and shall not revert to the general fund on any June 30. Any excess revenues on interest earned by such revenues shall not revert on any June 30, but shall remain available for appropriation in subsequent fiscal years. Any appropriation from such reserve shall not revert to the general fund on any June 30, but shall remain available for expenditure in subsequent fiscal years.

(c) The special plates provided for in this section shall be issued in conformity with the provisions of § 55-4-202, and shall be designed in consultation with the executive director of the Tennessee commission on aging and the director of the motor vehicle division of the department of safety. The special plates shall include a unique identifying number, whereby the total characters do not exceed the sum of seven (7); provided, that no two (2) recipients shall receive identical plates.

(d) (1) The provisions of this section shall not be construed to mean that any eligible person shall be prevented from exchanging a regular type plate for one of special design; provided, that the fees prescribed under § 55-4-203 are paid.

(2) The whole or parts of the fee for a special registration plate shall not be refunded for the exchange of a regular plate.

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(e) Additional special license plates may be obtained by any eligible person upon payment of the regular license fee for plates, as prescribed under § 55-4-111, plus the payment of the fee prescribed in § 55-4-203.

(f) (1) Special plates issued pursuant to this section may be transferred to another vehicle of the same weight class owned or leased by the same person upon proper application being made therefore and approved by the department of safety.

(2) It is unlawful for any person to whom such plates have been issued to knowingly permit them to be displayed on any vehicle, except such as authorized by the department.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-202 (c)(3), is amended by adding a new subdivision as follows:

() Senior Citizens;

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-203, is amended by adding a new item as follows:

() Senior Citizens -- twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect on July 1, 1996, the public welfare requiring it.